Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know how many of them are Ezhavas ?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: Three of them are Ezhavas.

Mr. Komelazhathu Sankaran: May I know the total number of appointments made ?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: 24.

Steno-typists appointed in the High Court.

42. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to give information regarding :

(*a*) the number of steno-typists appointed in the High Court during 1109, their names and the dates of their appointments, their respective qualifications (both general and technical) and pay ;

(*b*) whether any of them had any previous service under Government and, if so, as what and for what period and on what pay ;

(*c*) whether the Government have prescribed any qualification (general and technical) for the post of steno-typist ;

(*d*) whether there were applications from persons who have passed B. A. & B. L. Degree examinations with the required technical qualifications for the post of steno-typists in the High Court ;

(*e*) whether any of the steno-typists appointed in the High Court appeared for the Shorthand Examination of the Madras Technical Examination Board after their appointment in the High Court, and, if so, with what result ;

(*f*) whether at the time of the appointment of the steno-typists, there were typists in the Judicial Department with longer service drawing higher pay than those appointed as stenographers, and, if so, why they were not selected ;

(*g*) whether one Mr. Gopalan was selected as a steno-typist, how old he was on the date of his appointment as such, what were his general and technical qualifications and whether he had any previous service under Government ;

(*h*) whether the Judges of the High Court are allowed private clerks besides the Steno-typists ; and if so, what are the duties of the Steno-typists and the private clerks ;

(*i*) whether the judges of the Madras High Court are allowed private clerks besides stenographers ;

(*j*) how many judgments have been dictated to the various steno-typists by each of the judges from the date of appointment of the steno-typists up to the end of 1109 ;

(*k*) in how many cases have the steno-typists taken notes of hearing ;

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(*l*) whether there has been any increase in the quantity of work turned out by each of the judges since the apointment of the steno-typists, and, if so, what is the proportion of such increase ; and

(*m*) whether the disposal of appeals and special appeals have increased or decreased in 1109 as compared with 1108.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Seven steno-typists were appointed in the High Court on 1-5-1109. Their names, qualifications and pay are given in the statement *annexed.

(*b*) Yes ; all of them were employed under Government. (*Vide* *statement A annexed.)

(*c*) No.

(*d*) An application was received from one candidate stating that he had passed the B. A. & B. L. degree examination, and shorthand and type-writing (Lower Grade).

(*e*) Government have no information.

(*f*) Yes ; but among the applicants for the post there were duly competent hands from whom a selection was made.

(*g*) Yes. He was 30 years of age. His qualifications are E. S. L C., London Chamber of Commerce (1928), Short-hand and Type-writing (both Junior Grade). He was a work Establishment Typist in the Executive Engineer's office, Quilon.

(*h*) Yes. The duties of the steno-typists and private clerks are given in statement B †annexed.

(*i*) Government have no information.

(*j*) No register is maintained in the High Court to ascertain the actual number of judgments which were dictated to the various steno-typists.

(*k*) In important cases, notes of hearing are taken by the steno-typists.

(*l*) & (*m*) The quantity of work turned out by the judges cannot be measured by the number of disposals alone. It depends, among other things, upon the nature of the suits disposed of.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With reference to answer to part (*e*) may I know whether the Government have asked the High Court about the information ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The question was sent to the High Court and the answer given is the one supplied by the High Court.

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Do. Statement B.

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Mr. M N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member whether the High Court has said that they have no information about it?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai. Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With reference to answer to part (*k*) may I know whether any arrangements are made to incorporate the arguments of the learned vakils appearing on either side, in the T. L. R. published by the Government just as in the I. L. R. published in British India?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I am sorry I cannot answer that question. I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With reference to answer to parts (*l*) and (*m*) may I know from the member whether when the High Court moved the Government for the appointment of steno-typists they said that it would facilitate the disposal of more cases?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes. It has facilitated the disposal of cases. The number of suits disposed of may not have increased. That depends, as the answer says, upon the nature of the suits disposed of.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I point out to the honourable member that the Government in spite of the appointment of the steno-typists have observed in the Departmental Administration Report for the last year:

> "In the High Court, in spite of a fall in the number of appeals from 4,559 in 1108 to 4,423 in 1109, the disposals were only 1,179 against 1,477 in 1108."

May I know whether it is a fact?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The disposal of cases might have been less. The quantity of work depends on the nature of the suits disposed of and not merely on the number.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Am I to understand from the member that even after the appointment of the steno-typists the disposal of cases in the High Court has not increased?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The Government's review of the Administration Report shows it.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: Will the Government be pleased to make arrangements to take down the arguments of vakils by the steno-typists as is down in the case of the I. L. R.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It can be referred to the High Court.

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Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know from the member whether there is any one who has passed the Malayalam Short Hand and Typewriting among those who have been appointed ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I do not find any sir.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know from the member whether any instance has been brought to the notice of Government in which the services of a steno-typist have been engaged for taking down the arguments of important cases ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It is said that in important cases arguments are taken down by the steno-typists.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether there is any instance in which the services of a steno-typist were engaged for taking down the notes ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The answer shows that there have been instances.

President: The High Court says that there are instances.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Am I to take it that there were instances in which steno typists have been employed to take down the arguments of cases ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The answer says that in important cases notes are taken down by the steno-typists.

Reversion and reappointment of Ag. Inspectors of Police.

13. *Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any of the acting Inspectors, who, during the period of their acting, were ordered to be reverted owing to bad work, were re-appointed as acting Inspectors ;

(*b*) if so, their names, with designation of the substantive posts held by them ; and

(*c*) what are the reasons which led Government to sanction their re-entertainment as acting Inspectors of Police ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is detrimental to public interests to divulge the names of the officers or the nature of the disciplinary action taken.

(*c*) Re-consideration.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai May I know from the learned Police Commissioner whether the public do not know their names ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: If they know the names why

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Appendix III.—Statement A.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 42.**

Names and qualifications of all steno-typists in the High Court with their respective previous services and pay.

Name.	Qualification.	Service.			Pay.	Remarks.
		Y.	M.	D.	Rs.	
A. V. Subramonia Iyer .	Typewriting Madras Government Intermediate; Advanced grade in Typewriting of the Incorporated Phonographic Society, London, and Teachers' Diploma of the Incorporated Phonographic Society London, now known as the National Shorthand Association, the Fellowship Diploma of the Institute of Commerce (Birmingham) in Type-writing and Eyre's system of up-to-date shorthand taught under instructions from Government.	23	0	0	50	Typist in the High Court for twenty-three years.
S. M. Soodamoney.	E. S. L. C. Type-writing Madpas Government Higher Grade, Type-writing, London Chamber of Commerce (senior grade) Shorthand, Pitman's Teacher's Test.	5	0	0	40	Typist, High Court.
Padmanabha Rao .	Head Clerks' Test and Shorthand and Type-writing Madras Government Examination, both Lower grades.	4	6	0	40	Temporary Typist in the High Court.
V. S. Deva Rao .	S. S. L. C. Shorthand and Typewriting, Madras Government Examination both lower grades.	3	0	0	40	Do.
P. James .	B A London Chamber of Commerce, Junior Examination in Shorthand and Typewriting.	2	0	0	40	Acting Clerk on Rs. 20-30 Principal Munsiff's and District Courts.

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Appendix III—(*contd.*)

Name.	Qualification.	Service.			Pay.	Remarks.
		Y.	M.	D.	Rs.	
B. Thankamma	E. S. L. C. London Chamber of Commerce (Junior, both in shorthand typewriting) with distinction. Also Madras Government Technical Examination in typewriting passed in 1st class.	0	3	0	40	Acted for three months in the High Court as Typist.
S. Gopalan	E. S. L. C. London Chamber of Commerce (1928) both shorthand and typewriting (Junior.)	0	2	0	40	Work establishment typist in the Executive Engineer's Office Quilon.

Statement B.

Duties of the judge's clerks.

The duties of the judges' clerks are to read the papers in cases to judges at home and at times in the judge's chambers in court; to compare typed copies of judgments before they are pronounced; to help in reviewing the monthly statements of work relating to the work statements of the establishments of the subordinate courts, issue of commission orders, of appointments made and of disposal of original suits and appeals; to find out references to law books necessary for the writing of judgments; and to carry out generally the orders of the judges. Depositions of witnesses and documents in the cases heard by the European Judge are also to be translated into English. This work is being distributed among all the clerks of the judges.

Duties of the Steno-typists.

The duties allotted to them are :—

(*a*) taking down notes to dictation by the judges, of judgments and orders;

(*b*) transcribing the same on the typewriter and preparing typed copies; and to type undelivered judgments when written in the judge's hand;

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(*c*) after judgments are pronounced, to prepare 4 copies in the case of second appeals and 3 in the case of appeals and criminal cases ;

(*d*) taking down notes of arguments in important cases at the time of hearing ; and

(*e*) typing notes of inspection of the civil courts and other miscellaneous work.

President : We revert for a minute to Question No. 42 standing in the name of Mr. Padmanabhan Tampi about which complaint was brought to the notice of the Chair that a fuller question had been put but that it has been abridged considerably on the agenda paper and that he has been denied reply to the full question. Papers that have been received in the State Council Office have been looked into and we find as a result that Mr. Tampi himself in the long list of questions which he had sent on 13-7-1935 had numbered them according to his own choice and this one question No. 42 which appears on the agenda was numbered by him as a separate question No. 7. There are other details which he has asked about the same matter and which he has numbered as question No. 8. Therefore each question was given a separate number because he himself had allotted separate numbers. Therefore there is no room for any complaint.

QUESTION No. 42.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi : No supplementary question, sir.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

President : The next item on the agenda is financial business.—voting on Demands for Grants.

DEMAND I—LAND REVENUE.

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 9,19,307 under Demand I—Land Revenue.

Mr.J.John Kattakayam: സർ, സാമ്പത്തികായാപചതനം അതിന്റെ മൂർധന്യദശയെ പ്രാപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന ഇക്കാലത്തു കരം കുറവു ചെയ്തുതരണമെന്ന ഇതുനാളും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടും ഗവണ്മെന്റിനു യാതൊരു നടപടിയും ഉള്ള ലക്ഷണം കാണുന്നില്ല. കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലവും ഭൂനികുതി അമ്പതു ശതമാനം കുറവുചെയ്തു തരണമെന്നു രണ്ടുനിയമസഭ

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